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Testimony

Raised Bill No. SB 1138 An Act Concerning Strengthening School Bullying Laws

Digital BackOffice is a privately held for profit corporation, headquartered in Milford, CT. A significant portion of our business revenues are derived from the public sector, especially K-12 schools.

Over the past decade our company management team has observed all K-12 schools especially our public schools, struggle with the integration of pedagogy and enterprise technology. The private sector recognized the benefits of information technology years ago, and designates a chief information officer (CIO), or information technology (IT) director, as a job title commonly given to the most senior executive in an enterprise responsible for the information technology and computer systems that support enterprise goals. The CIO typically reports to the chief executive officer, chief operations officer or chief financial officer.

Nowhere in Bill No. 1138 do we see a reference to information technology directors, managers, or CIO's which exist in only a handful of Connecticut schools. The IT management personnel in our K-12 schools are unprepared to enforce the proposed provisions of this bill. They're not even at the table and worse not even aware of the demands to be placed on them if this bill becomes law.

On behalf of the information technology industry we recommend that this committee engage Information technology professionals in this discussion at the state and the local level, and include the local IT directors in the process of ensuring e-safety on school property and in educational services delivered in the cloud.

Regards

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